

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

An absorbent product of substantially elongated form, ~~having~~ has a longitudinal direction, a transverse direction and a thickness direction, a liquid-permeable top side, a liquid-impermeable bottom side, and two side edges extending in the longitudinal direction;

B3 It also includes an absorption body arranged between the top side and the bottom side. The absorption body includes an absorption part formed by a preformed, dehydrated hydrogel, which, as a result of the preforming, includes a section which, when wetted, swells in the thickness direction and forms an elevation on the top side of the product.